

CMS*Products / Resources*

- **Website** – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/> - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, links to other HIPAA sites, and information on the law, regulations, and enforcement are located here.
- **HIPAA Information Series for Providers** – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/education/infoserie/>
This series of ten short papers gets straight to the point describing HIPAA and what it means to providers and what is needed to prepare for the electronic transactions and code sets requirements for October 16, 2003. All ten papers are available on the website and most papers are now available in Spanish.
- **FREE HIPAA Roundtable Conference Calls** – This is a good source of information and a forum to get answers to your questions on HIPAA Administrative Simplification.
 - **June 25, 2003 from 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM ET.** Call in number is **1-877-381-6315**. The conference identification number is **427383**.
- **Video and CD-ROM** – Coming Soon! CMS' HIPAA 101 Video and CD-ROM are packed with tips for preparing your office for HIPAA. Stay tuned to our website for information.
- **FREE Listserves** – Both listserves are operated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
 - **Regulations** - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/regulations/lsnotify.asp> - Sign up to receive notification when proposed or final rules on HIPAA have been published in the Federal Register (The Federal Register is the place where the government, upon passing a law, tells the public how the law will be implemented).
 - **New! Outreach** – <http://list.nih.gov/archives/hipaa-outreach-l.html> - Sign up here to receive free notices on HIPAA announcements, new tools and educational material, and related information.
- **Small Provider Checklist Tool** – Use this to help you determine first steps you should be taking to prepare for HIPAA. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/education/ReadinessChkLst.pdf>. Also available in Spanish version: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/education/ReadinessChkLstEsp.pdf>.
- **Covered Entity Decision Tool** - Need help determining if you are covered by HIPAA? Try using this tool found at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/support/tools/decisionsupport/default.asp>.
- **New Regulations** - HHS recently published two rules, the Modifications Rule (modifies the Electronic Transactions and Code Sets Rule) and the final Security Rule. You can find both rules on our website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/>.
- **White Papers:**
 - *Am I a Covered Entity Provider?* <http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/coveredEntity.pdf>
 - *How HIPAA is Reshaping the Way we Do Business.*
<http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/centMedicarecaid.pdf>

- **Medicare free / low cost billing software** – <http://cms.hhs.gov/providers/edi/> - If you bill Medicare, there is software available to you free or for a small charge. This software is designed only for Medicare claims. Check the above link for the appropriate contact in your state for more information.
- **CMS Medicaid HIPAA web address** - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/hipaa/adminsim/>. Also, see <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/hipaa/adminsim/0203laconf/> for presentations from the 2003 National Medicaid HIPAA and MMIS Conference held in New Orleans February 9-13.

Contact info for CMS

- **CMS E-Mail box** – askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov. Send HIPAA administrative simplification questions here.
- **CMS HIPAA Hotline** – **1-866-282-0659** – This hotline has been established to help answer your HIPAA administrative simplification questions.

Other Resources

- **HHS' Office for Civil Rights (Privacy)**– <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/> - The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Office for Civil Rights oversees the privacy requirements.
 - **New! Interim final rule: Civil Money Penalties** - <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/moneypenalties.html>
 - OCR posts **Frequently Asked Questions** to their website at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/whatsnew.html>
 - Model "Business Associate Agreement" at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/contractprov.html>
 - "Guidance Explaining Significant Aspects of the Privacy Rule" at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/privacy.html>.
 - Top 15 Privacy Concerns at: http://www.regreform.hhs.gov/HIPAAQUIZ_0204171/sld001.htm
 - Contact information
 - OCRPrivacy@hhs.gov or
 - Call **1-866-627-7748**.
- **WEDI SNIP Website** - <http://www.wedi.org/snip/> - WEDI is an organization working to foster widespread support for the adoption of electronic commerce within healthcare and SNIP is a collaborative healthcare industry-wide process resulting in the implementation of standards and furthering the development and implementation of future standards. This website contains various resources on HIPAA administrative simplification.
 - Materials from CMS HIPAA Workshop for Small / Rural Health Care Providers - <http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/details%7E56.htm>
 - Find out if your state has a local WEDI SNIP affiliate – Go to <http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/index%7E8.htm>